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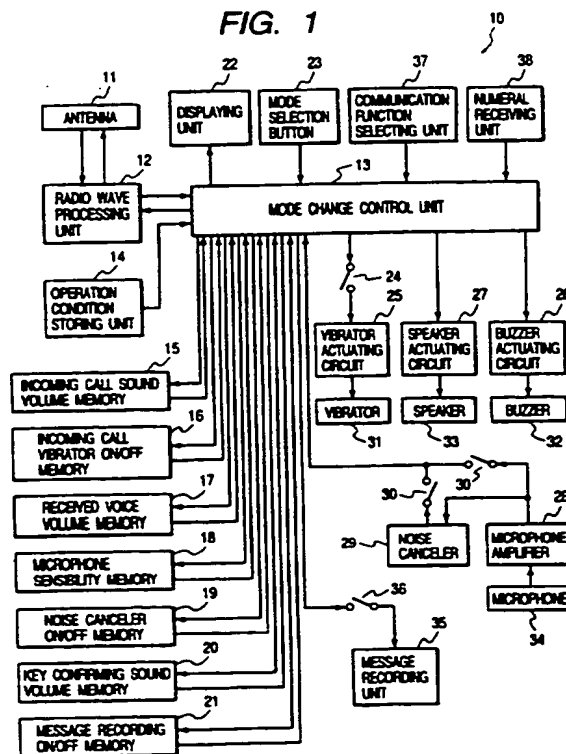
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Radio communication apparatus having a plurality of functions

(57) A portable telephone has means for storing a plurality of operating modes which are suitable for a user's environment, for example in a library or at home. Each of the modes defines the operating characteristics of particular functions of the telephone, for example incoming call sound or vibration, received voice volume, microphone sensitivity and key operation confirmation sound. The user selects an operating mode according to the environment in which the phone is operated. Additionally the user may define and store a set of operating characteristics of their own.



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FIG. 1

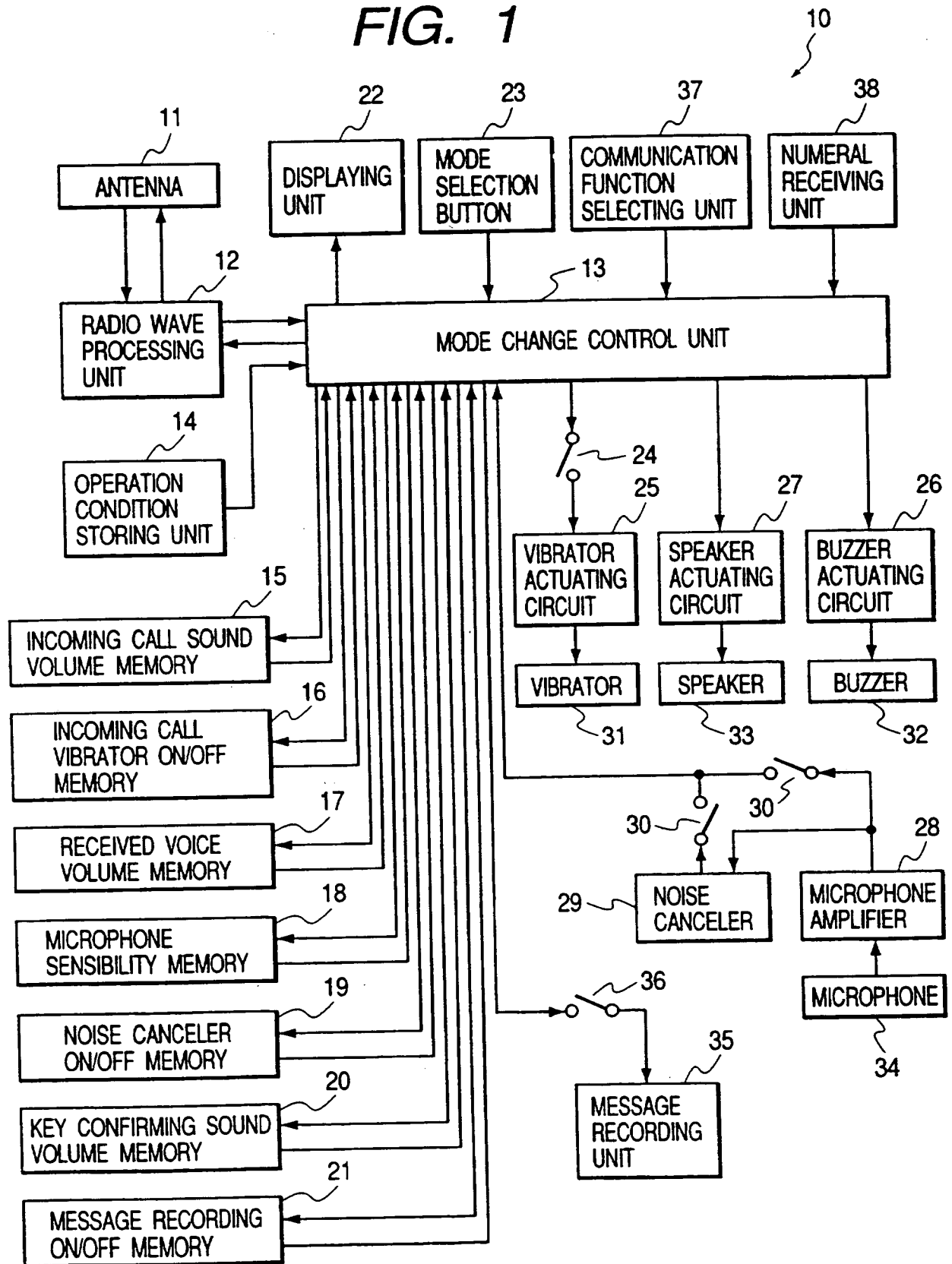


FIG. 2

OPERATION MODE COMMUNICATION FUNCTION	NORMAL OPERATION MODE	ELECTRIC TRAIN MODE	CAR MODE	HOME MODE	AMUSEMENT CENTER MODE	LIBRARY MODE	USER MODE
INCOMING CALL SOUND VOLUME	SET BY USER	MUTE	LOW	LOW	TOP	MUTE	SET BY USER
INCOMING CALL RINGING PATTERN			PATTERN 1	PATTERN 1	PATTERN 1		
INCOMING CALL VIBRATION	SET BY USER	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	SET BY USER
RECEIVED VOICE VOLUME	SET BY USER	TOP	TOP	ORDINARY	TOP	ORDINARY	SET BY USER
MICROPHONE SENSIBILITY	SET BY USER	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	SET BY USER
NOISE CANCELING	SET BY USER	ON	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	SET BY USER
KEY CONFIRMING SOUND VOLUME	SET BY USER	MUTE	LOW	LOW	TOP	MUTE	SET BY USER
MESSAGE RECORDING	SET BY USER	OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF	SET BY USER

FIG. 3

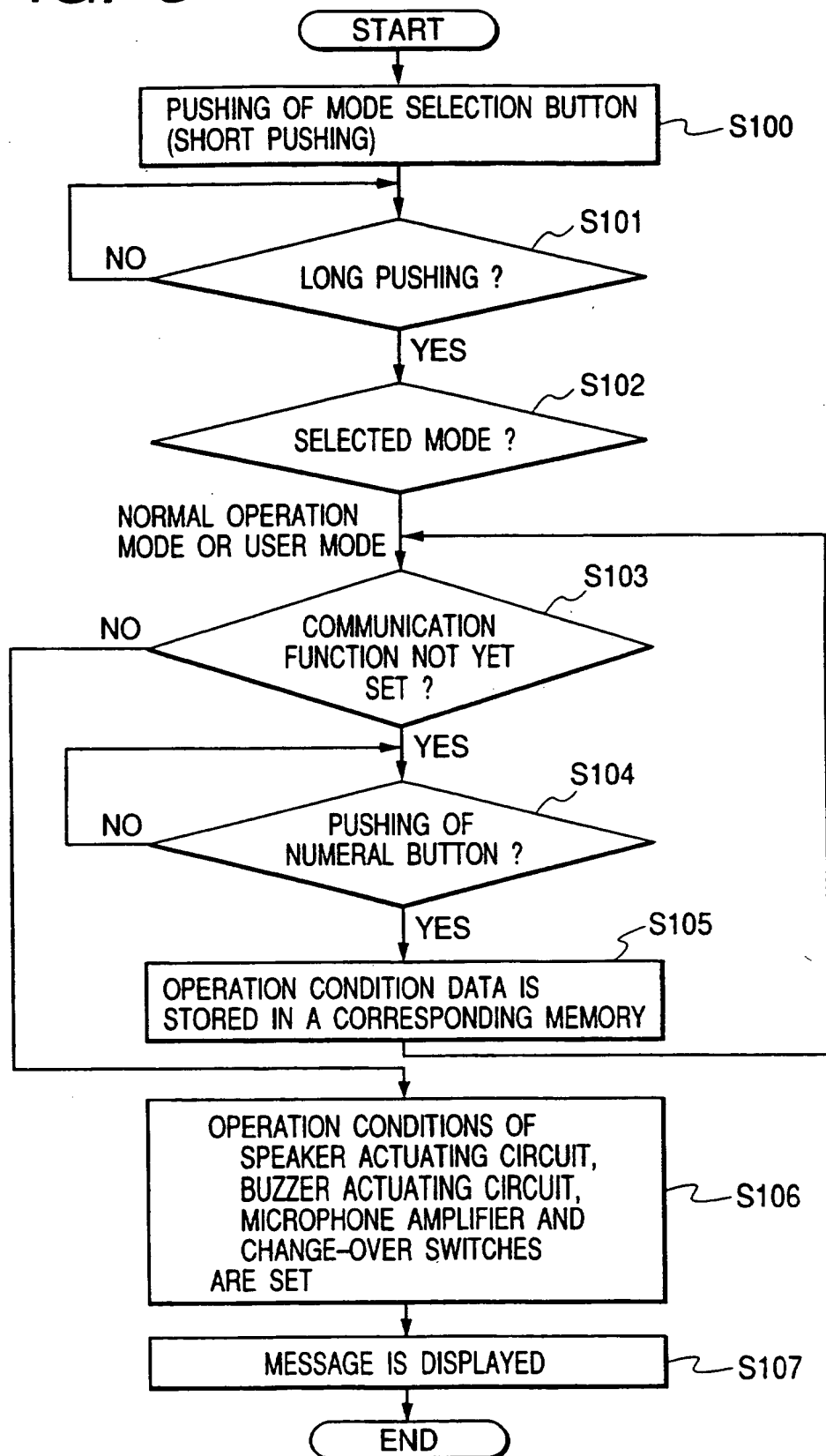


FIG. 4

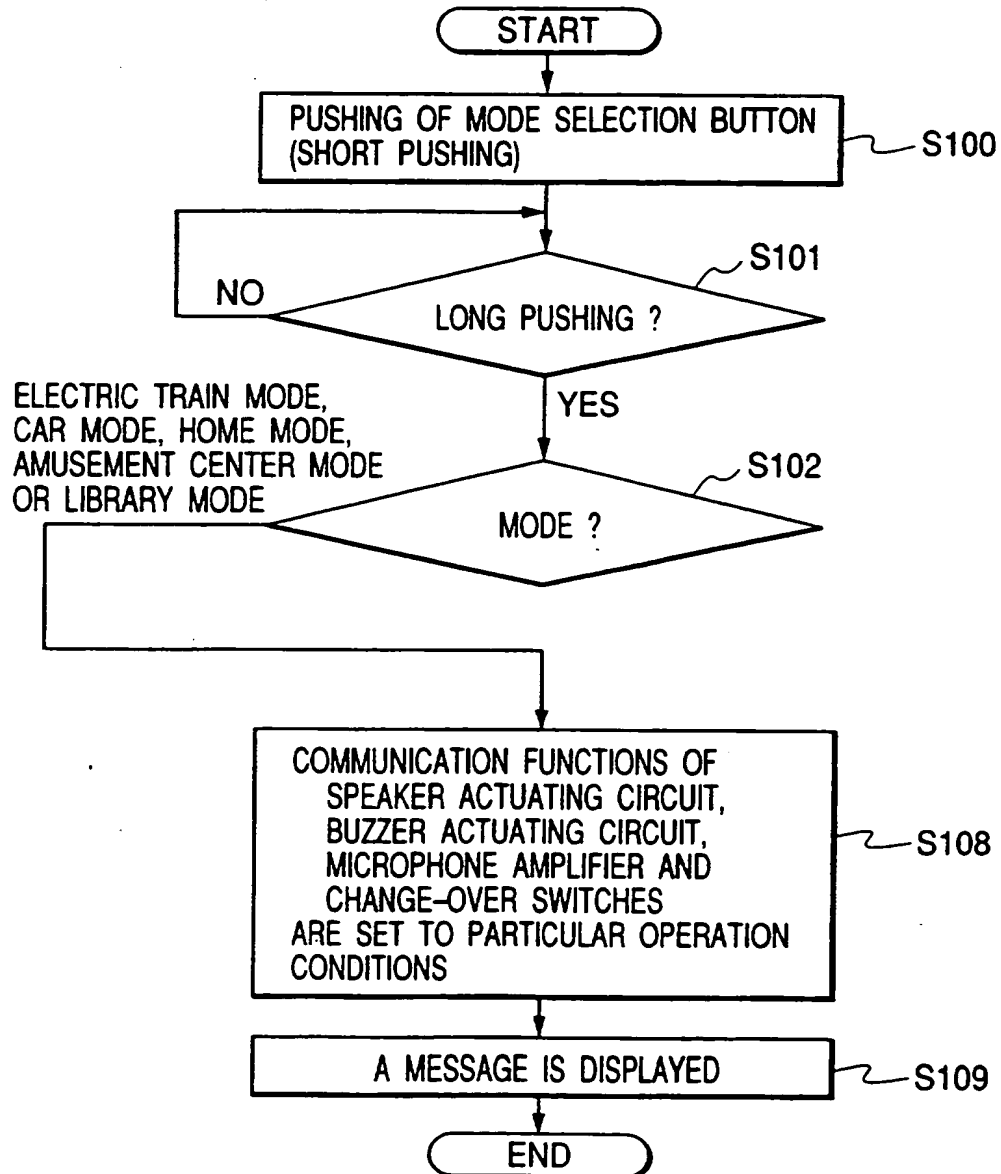


FIG. 5

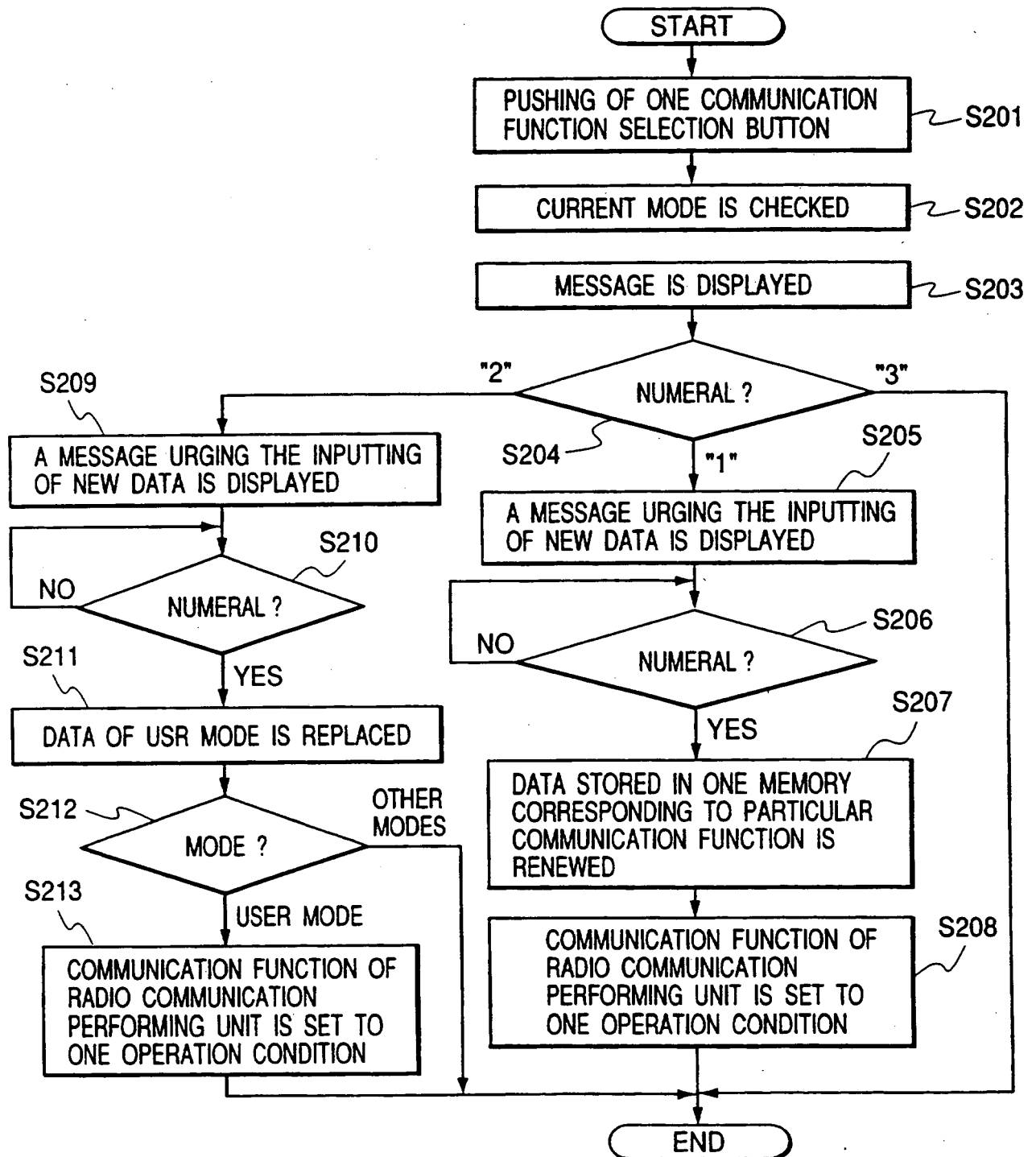


FIG. 6

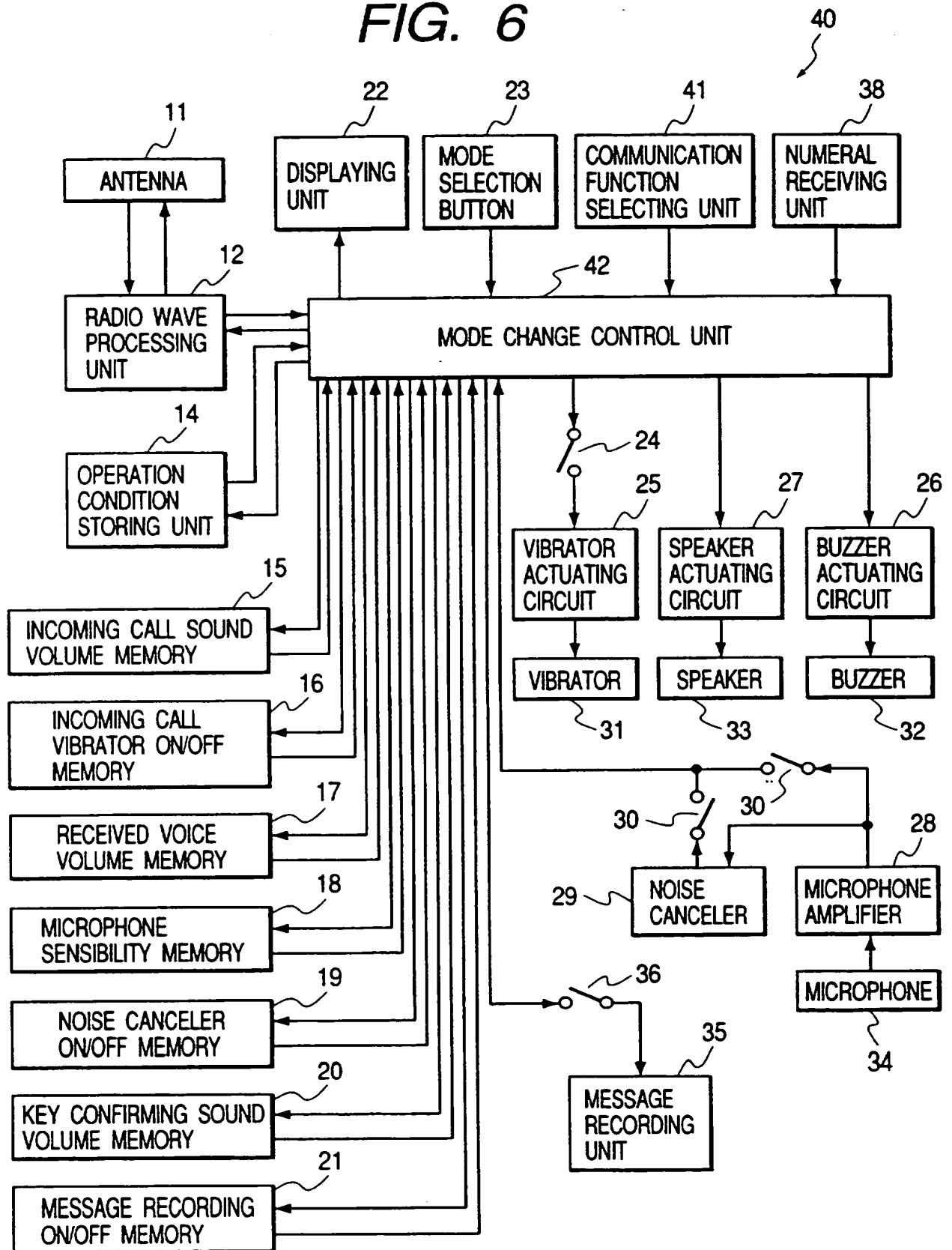
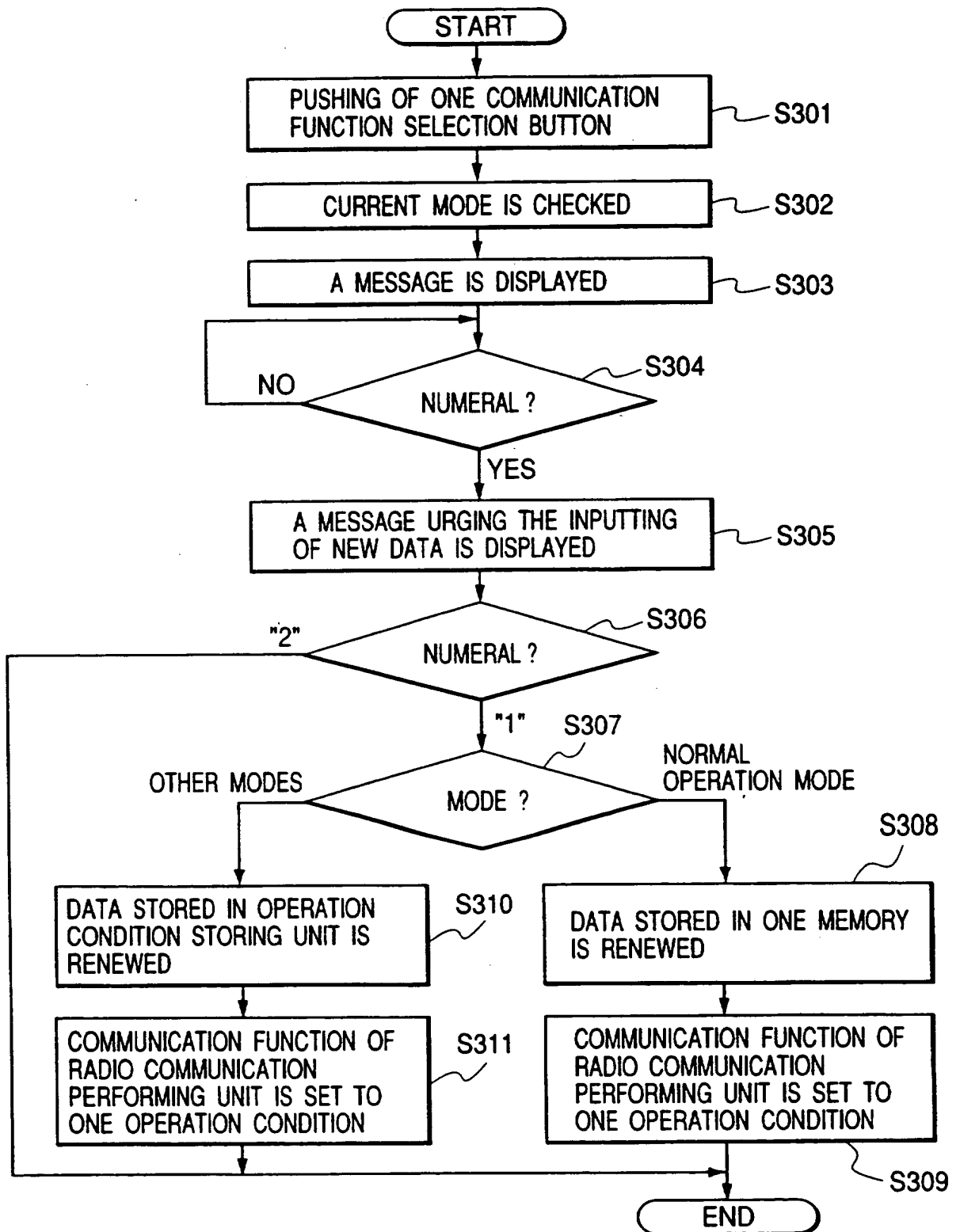


FIG. 7



RADIO COMMUNICATION APPARATUS HAVING A PLURALITY OF
5 COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS

The present invention relates generally to a radio
10 communication apparatus such as a portable telephone or the
like, and more particularly to a radio communication apparatus
in which communication functions such as an incoming call
sound, an incoming call ringing pattern, an incoming call
vibration, a received voice volume, a microphone sensitivity
15 a noise canceling, a key confirming sound and a message
recording are simultaneously set to a plurality of operation
conditions suitable for a user's environment.

20 A type of telephone such as a portable telephone and a
personal handy phone which can be carried by a user has been
recently developed. However, because a user receives a call
even though the user stays in a public place, there is a
social problem that the call troubles people placed near to
25 the user. To solve this problem, a portable telephone in which

a user does not receive any sound of an incoming call but a vibrator informs a user of an incoming call has been developed as a radio communication apparatus.

5 In a conventional portable telephone representing a conventional radio communication apparatus, because the vibration of a vibrator informs a user of an incoming call, it is required that a user sets the radio communication apparatus to a vibrator mode by operating a button and the user operates the radio communication apparatus to mute a sound of an
10 incoming call. Also, in another conventional portable telephone, a user can set to a vibrator mode and a mute mode by operating a button.

However, because there are many environments in public
15 places, the operation in the conventional radio communication apparatus is inconvenient even though the vibrator mode and the mute mode can be simultaneously set by operating a button. For example, in cases where a user is in an electric train as a type of public space, it is required that a volume of a
20 received voice is turned up to listen to a caller's voice because the user is in a noisy place, a microphone sensitivity is heightened to speak in a low voice, a noise canceler is set to an operation condition to reduce a surrounding noise mixing with a user's voice, and a key confirming sound informing the
25 user of the pushing of a key is turned off. In contrast, in

cases where a user is in a library or in a meeting room, it is not required to turn up a volume of a received voice because it is quiet in the library or the meeting room, and it is not required to set a noise canceler to an operation condition.

5 Therefore, though a plurality of operation conditions required for a user's environment represented by an electric train differs from those required for another user's environment such as a library or a meeting room, there is a problem that a plurality of operation conditions cannot be simultaneously

10 changed at an easy handling according to a user's environment.

An aim of the present invention is to provide, with due consideration to the drawbacks of such a conventional radio

15 communication apparatus, a radio communication apparatus in which a plurality of operation conditions of communication functions are simultaneously changed with an easy operation according to a user's environment.

The present invention provides a radio communication

20 apparatus, comprising:

operation condition storing means for storing a plurality of operation conditions of communication functions corresponding to each of a plurality of operation modes which each are suitable for an environment;

25 mode selecting means for selecting a particular operation

mode suitable for a particular environment from the operation modes according to a user's intention;

radio communication signal receiving means for receiving a radio communication signal from a caller;

5 radio communication performing means, having the communication functions, for performing a radio communication between the user and the caller according to the radio communication signal received by the radio communication signal receiving means; and

10 mode change control means for reading out a plurality of particular operation conditions of the communication functions corresponding to the particular operation mode selected by the mode selecting means from the operation condition storing means and setting the communication functions of the radio
15 communication performing means to the particular operation conditions to perform the radio communication at the particular operation conditions.

In the above configuration, when a user inputs a mode selection request indicating the selection of a particular
20 operation mode suitable for a particular environment, the particular operation mode is selected by the mode selecting means, a plurality of particular operation conditions of the communication functions corresponding to the particular operation mode are read out from the mode change control
25 means, and the communication functions of the radio

communication performing means are set to the particular operation conditions.

Thereafter, when a radio communication signal transmitted from a caller is received by the radio communication signal receiving means, a radio communication between the user and the caller is performed according to the radio communication signal by the radio communication performing means in which the communication functions are set to the particular operation conditions.

Accordingly, a plurality of operation conditions of communication functions corresponding to a particular operation mode suitable for a user's environment can be simultaneously changed at an easy handling.

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The features and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following description of exemplary embodiments and the accompanying drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a radio communication apparatus according to a first embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 shows a plurality of operation conditions stored in an operation condition setting memory and other memories for each of a plurality of operation modes such as an electric train mode, a car mode, a home mode, an amusement center mode,

a library mode and a user mode;

Fig. 3 is a flow chart showing the setting of a plurality of operation conditions performed under the control of a mode change control unit shown in Fig. 1 for a normal operation mode or a user mode;

Fig. 4 is a flow chart showing the setting of a plurality of operation conditions performed under the control of the mode change control unit for an electric train mode, a car mode, a home mode, an amusement center mode or a library mode;

Fig. 5 is a flow chart showing the change of one operation condition performed under the control of the mode change control unit;

Fig. 6 is a block diagram of a radio communication apparatus according to a second embodiment of the present invention; and

Fig. 7 is a flow chart showing the change of one operation condition performed under the control of a mode change control unit shown in Fig. 6.

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Preferred embodiments of a radio communication apparatus according to the present invention are described with reference to the drawings.

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a radio communication apparatus according to a first embodiment of the present

invention.

As shown in Fig. 1, a radio communication apparatus 10 comprises:

an antenna 11 for receiving an input signal of an incoming
5 call and an input signal of a caller's voice which are
radiated as a radio wave transmitted from a public base
station (not shown), and transmitting an output signal of a
user's voice;

a radio wave processing unit 12 for detecting a phase of
10 the input signals, amplifying the input signals to obtain the
incoming call and the caller's call, and processing the user's
voice to the output signal;

an operation condition storing unit 14 for storing a
plurality of operation conditions of communication functions
15 corresponding to each of a plurality of operation modes such
as an electric train mode, a car mode, a home mode, an
amusement center mode, a library mode and a user mode suitable
for various environments, the communication functions being
composed of an incoming call sound volume, an incoming call
20 ringing pattern, an incoming call vibration, a received voice
volume, a microphone sensibility, a noise canceling, a key
confirming sound volume and a message recording for each
operation mode;

a mode selection button 23 for receiving a mode selecting
25 request indicating the selection of a particular operation

mode from the user;

a communication function selecting unit 37, composed of seven communication function selection buttons corresponding to the communication functions in the normal operation mode or the user mode, for receiving a communication function selecting request indicating the selection of a particular communication function from the user to change an operation condition of the particular communication function in the normal operation mode or the user mode;

10 a numeral receiving unit 38, composed of ten numeral buttons indicating the numerals from "0" to "9", for respectively receiving a numeral as operation condition data in cases where the mode selection button 23 or one communication function selection button of the communication function selecting unit 37 is pushed by the user, and
15 receiving a telephone number to call someone;

an incoming call sound volume memory 15 for storing operation conditions of the incoming call sound volume and the incoming call ringing pattern corresponding to a normal
20 operation mode, the operation condition of the sound volume and ringing pattern being set by a user;

an incoming call vibrator on/off memory 16 for storing an operation condition of an incoming call vibration corresponding to the normal operation mode, the operation
25 condition of the incoming call vibration being set by the

user;

a received voice volume memory 17 for storing an operation condition of the caller's voice volume corresponding to the normal operation mode, the operation condition of the received
5 voice volume being set by the user;

a microphone sensibility memory 18 for storing an operation condition of a microphone sensibility corresponding to the normal operation mode, the operation condition of the microphone sensibility being set by the user;

10 a noise canceler on/off memory 19 for storing an operation condition of the noise canceling corresponding to the normal operation mode, the operation condition of the noise canceling being set by the user;

a key confirming sound volume memory 20 for storing an
15 operation condition of the key confirming sound volume corresponding to the normal operation mode, the operation condition of the key confirming sound volume being set by the user;

a message recording on/off memory 21 for storing an
20 operation condition of the message recording corresponding to the normal operation mode, the operation condition of the message recording being set by the user;

an incoming call vibrator 31 vibrating to inform the incoming call of the user;

25 a vibrator actuating circuit 25 for actuating the incoming

call vibrator 31 to vibrate the vibrator 31;

a first change-over switch 24 for changing over the operation of the incoming call vibrator 31 from the vibration (or no vibration) to the no vibration (or vibration) according
5 to one operation condition of the incoming call vibration;

an incoming call buzzer 32 ringing at one incoming call pattern to inform the incoming call of the user;

a buzzer actuating circuit 26 for actuating the incoming call buzzer 32 according to operation conditions of the
10 incoming call sound volume and the incoming call ringing pattern to ring the buzzer 32 at a sound volume and one ringing pattern;

a speaker 33 for outputting a key confirming sound to make the user confirm the pushing of the mode selection button 23,
15 one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 or one communication function selection button of the communication function selecting unit 37, and outputting the received voice of the caller;

a speaker actuating circuit 27 for actuating the speaker 33
20 according to operation conditions of the received voice volume and the key confirming sound volume to adjust a sound volume of the key confirming sound output from the speaker 33 and a sound volume of the received voice output from the speaker 33;

a microphone 34 for receiving the user's voice;

25 a microphone amplifier 28 for amplifying the user's voice

received by the microphone 34 at a microphone sensibility according to one operation condition of the microphone sensibility, the amplified user's voice being transmitted to the caller through the radio wave processing unit 12 and the antenna 11 to reproduce the user's voice at a top sound volume in cases where the user's voice is amplified at a high microphone sensibility and to reproduce the user's voice at a low sound volume in cases where the user's voice is amplified at a low microphone sensibility;

10 a noise canceler 29 for reducing a noise mixing with the user's voice amplified by the microphone amplifier 28;

a pair of second change-over switches 30 for changing over from the reduction of the noise (or no-reduction) to the no-reduction (reduction of the noise) according to one operation

15 condition of the noise canceling;

a message recording unit 35 for recording a message of a caller;

a third change-over switch 36 for changing over from the recording of a caller's message (or no recording) to no

20 recording (or recording of a caller's message) according to one operation condition of the message recording;

a mode change control unit 13 for controlling a mode change according to the mode selecting request of the user received by the mode selection button 23 by reading out the plurality

25 of operation conditions of the communication functions of the

normal operation mode stored in the memories 15 to 21 in cases where the mode selecting request indicates the normal operation mode, reading out a plurality of operation conditions of the communication functions of the particular operation mode from the operation condition storing unit 14 in cases where the particular operation mode indicated by the mode selecting request is not the normal operation mode, controlling the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the first change-over switch 24, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the microphone amplifier 28, the pair of second change-over switches 30 and the third change-over switch 36 according to the plurality of operation conditions of the communication functions in the particular operation mode (or the normal operation mode), changing the operation condition set in the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the first change-over switch 24, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the microphone amplifier 28, the pair of second change-over switches 30 or the third change-over switch 36 according to the communication function selecting request received by the communication function selecting unit 37 and a numeral input to one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38, and renewing the operation condition data stored in one memory 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 corresponding to the particular communication function indicated by the communication function selecting unit 37; and a displaying unit 22 for displaying a name of a mode

selected by the user under the control of the mode change control unit 13 when the user pushes the mode selection button 23.

A normal operation mode storing unit is composed of the incoming call sound volume memory 15, the incoming call vibrator on/off memory 16, the received voice volume memory 17, the microphone sensibility memory 18, the noise canceler on/off memory 19, the key confirming sound volume memory 20 and the message recording on/off memory 21. A radio communication performing unit is composed of the incoming call vibrator 31, the vibrator actuating circuit 25, the first change-over switch 24, the incoming call buzzer 32, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the speaker 33, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the microphone 34, the microphone amplifier 28, the noise canceler 29, the second change-over switches 30, the message recording unit 35 and the third change-over switch 36.

Fig. 2 shows a sound volume and ringing pattern of an incoming call, an operation condition of an incoming call vibrator, a voice volume of the caller's voice, a sensibility of a microphone, an operation condition of a noise canceler, a sound volume of a key confirming sound and an operation condition of a message recorder stored in the operation condition storing unit 14 and the memories 15 to 21 for each of a plurality of operation modes such as an electric train mode, a car mode, a home mode, an amusement center mode, a

library mode and a user mode. The operation conditions of the communication functions for the electric train mode, a car mode, a home mode, an amusement center mode and a library mode are set in advance in the operation condition storing unit 14.

5 The operation conditions of the communication functions for the user mode are arbitrarily set by the user and are stored in the operation condition storing unit 14. The operation conditions of the communication functions for the normal operation condition are arbitrarily set by the user and are
10 stored in the memories 15 to 21.

The electric train mode is suitable for a user going by train, the car mode is suitable for a user going by car, the home mode is suitable for a user staying in his own house, the amusement center mode is suitable for a user staying in a
15 noisy place such as an amusement place, and the library mode is suitable for a user staying in a quiet place represented by a library.

In the above configuration, an operation of the radio communication apparatus 10 is described.

20 The setting of a plurality of operation conditions of the communication functions for the normal operation mode is initially described with reference to Fig. 3.

Fig. 3 is a flow chart showing the setting of a plurality of operation conditions of the communication functions
25 performed by the user under the control of the mode change

control unit 13 for the normal operation mode or the user mode.

When the user pushes the mode selection button 23 for a short time (for example, a prescribed time shorter than 1 second) in a step S100, a message indicating a current mode is initially displayed on the displaying unit 22. In cases where the pushing of the mode selection button 23 is the first time, because the normal operation mode is originally set as the current mode, a message "normal operation mode" is displayed.

10 A message displayed on the displaying unit 22 is cyclically changed to another in the order of "normal operation mode", "electric train mode", "car mode", "home mode", "amusement center mode", "library mode", "user mode", "normal operation mode", "electric train mode", --- under the control of the

15 mode change control unit 13 each time the user pushes the mode selection button 23 for a short time. Thereafter, when a message of a particular operation mode desired by the user is displayed on the displaying unit 22, the user pushes the mode selection button 23 for a long time (for example, a prescribed

20 time longer than 1 second). Therefore, the particular operation mode is selected by the user in a step S101.

Thereafter, it is judged by the mode change control unit 13 in a step S102 what mode the user selects. In cases where the particular operation mode is the normal operation mode, it is

25 judged in a step S103 by the mode change control unit 13

whether or not one communication function not yet set by the user exists. In cases where one communication function not yet set by the user exists, a message corresponding to one communication function not yet set by the user is displayed on the displaying unit 22. For example, a first message "sound volume of incoming call, mute = 0, low = 1, ordinary = 2, top = 3" corresponding to an incoming call sound volume, a second message "ringing pattern of incoming call, pattern 1 = 1, pattern 2 = 2" corresponding to a ringing pattern, a third message "incoming call vibrator, ON = 1, OFF = 2" corresponding to an incoming call vibration, a fourth message "voice volume, low = 1, ordinary = 2, top = 3" corresponding to a received voice volume, a fifth message "microphone sensibility, low = 1, ordinary = 2, high = 3" corresponding to a microphone sensibility, a sixth message "noise canceler, ON = 1, OFF = 2" corresponding to a noise canceler, a seventh message "key confirming sound, mute = 0, low = 1, ordinary = 2, top = 3" corresponding to a key confirming sound volume and an eighth message "message recorder, ON = 1, OFF = 2" corresponding to a message recording are displayed in that order under the control of the mode change control unit 13 on condition that the communication function corresponding the message is not yet set by the user. Thereafter, for example, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "0" (or "1", "2" or "3") in the numeral receiving unit 38 in a step

S104 when the first message is displayed, the sound volume of incoming call is set to a mute condition (or a low volume, an ordinary volume or a top volume) for the normal operation mode in a step S105. That is, the setting of the mute condition is
5 stored in the incoming call sound volume memory 15 as data of the incoming call sound volume. Also, in cases where the user selects a ringing pattern of the incoming call by pushing one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 when the second message is displayed, the setting of the ringing
10 pattern is stored in the incoming call sound volume memory 15 as data of the ringing pattern. Also, in cases where the user selects an operation condition of the incoming call vibrator 31 by pushing one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 when the third message is displayed, the setting of the
15 operation condition in the incoming call vibrator 31 is stored in the incoming call vibrator on/off memory 16 as data of the operation condition of the incoming call vibrator 31. Also, in cases where the user selects a voice volume of the caller's voice by pushing one numeral button of the numeral receiving
20 unit 38 when the fourth message is displayed, the setting of the operation condition of the voice volume is stored in the received voice volume memory 17 as data of the operation condition of the caller's voice. Also, in cases where the user selects a microphone sensibility by pushing one numeral button
25 of the numeral receiving unit 38 when the fifth message is

displayed, the setting of the microphone sensibility is stored in the microphone sensibility memory 18 as data of the operation condition. Also, in cases where the user selects an operation condition of the noise canceler 29 by pushing one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 when the sixth message is displayed, the setting of the operation condition of the noise canceler 29 is stored in the noise canceler on/off memory 19 as data of the operation condition of the noise canceler 29. Also, in cases where the user selects an operation condition of the key confirming sound by pushing one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 when the seventh message is displayed, the setting of the operation condition of the key confirming sound is stored in the key confirming sound volume memory 20 as data of the operation condition of the key confirming sound. Also, in cases where the user selects an operation condition of the message recording unit 35 by pushing one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 when the eighth message is displayed, the setting of the operation condition of the message recording unit 35 is stored in the message recording on/off memory 21 as data of the operation condition of the message recording unit 35. The steps S103 to S105 are repeated until all operation conditions for the normal operation mode are set by the user.

After all operation conditions are set, in a step S106, an operation condition of the first change-over switch 24 is set

according to the data stored in the incoming call vibrator on/off memory 16, an operation condition of the speaker actuating circuit 27 is set according to the data stored in the received voice volume memory 17 and the key confirming sound volume memory 20, an operation condition of the buzzer actuating circuit 26 is set according to the data stored in the incoming call sound volume memory 15, an operation condition of the second change-over switches 30 is set according to the data stored in the noise canceler on/off memory 19, an operation condition of the microphone amplifier 28 is set according to the data stored in the microphone sensibility memory 18, and an operation condition of the third change-over switch 36 is set according to the data stored in the message recording on/off memory 21.

15 Thereafter, in a step S107, a message "setting of normal operation mode is completed" is displayed for a prescribed time on the displaying unit 22.

Next, the setting of a plurality of operation conditions of communication functions for the user mode is described.

20 As shown in Fig. 3, in cases where it is judged by the mode change control unit 13 in the step S102 that the particular operation mode selected by the user in the step S101 is the user mode, the steps S103 to S105 are performed to set a plurality of operation conditions of communication functions
25 for the user mode. The operation conditions set by the user in

the step S104 are stored as operation condition data of the user mode in the operation condition storing unit 14 in the step S105. Thereafter, the communication functions of the first change-over switch 24, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the second change-over switches 30, the microphone amplifier 28 and the third change-over switch 36 are simultaneously set to the operation conditions which are indicated by the operation condition data of the user mode stored in the operation condition storing unit 14 under the control of the mode change control unit 13 in the step S106.

Thereafter, in the step S107, a message "setting of user mode is completed" is displayed for a prescribed time on the displaying unit 22.

Next, the selection of one mode, of which the operation conditions are stored in the operation condition storing unit 14, is described with reference to Fig. 4.

Fig. 4 is a flow chart showing the setting of the operation conditions of the first change-over switch 24, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the second change-over switches 30, the microphone amplifier 28 and the third change-over switch 36 in the electric train mode, the car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode or the library mode.

As shown in Fig. 4, in cases where it is judged by the mode

change control unit 13 in the step S102 that the particular operation mode selected by the user in the step S101 is the electric train mode, the car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode or the library mode, particular
5 operation conditions corresponding to the particular operation mode are read out from the operation condition storing unit 14 by the mode change control unit 13, and the communication functions of the first change-over switch 24, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the
10 second change-over switches 30, the microphone amplifier 28 and the third change-over switch 36 are simultaneously set to the particular operation conditions under the control of the mode change control unit 13 in a step S108.

For example, in cases where the electric train mode is
15 selected by the user, because pieces of operation condition data indicating the sound volume of incoming call set to a mute condition, the incoming call vibrator 31 set to an "ON" condition, a voice volume of the caller's voice set to a top level, a microphone sensibility set to a "high" condition, the
20 noise canceler 29 set to an "ON" condition, the key confirming sound set to a mute condition and the message recording unit 35 set to an "OFF" condition are stored in the operation condition storing unit 14, the buzzer actuating circuit 26 is set to an "OFF" condition not to ring the buzzer 32, the first
25 change-over switch 24 is turned on to vibrate the incoming

call vibrator 31, a voice amplification in the speaker
actuating circuit 27 is set to a top level to maximize a sound
level of the caller's voice, a voice amplification in the
microphone amplifier 28 is set to a top level to maximize a
5 sound level of the user's voice, the operation condition of
the second change-over switches 30 is set to reduce a noise in
the noise canceler 29, the speaker actuating circuit 27 is set
not to output any key confirming sound from the speaker 33,
and the third change-over switch 36 is turned off not to
10 record any caller's message.

Thereafter, in a step S109, a message indicating the
setting of the communication functions corresponding to the
particular operation mode is displayed on the displaying unit
22. For example, a message "setting of electric train mode is
15 completed" is displayed for a prescribed time on the
displaying unit 22 in cases where the electric train mode is
selected by the user.

After the procedure shown in Fig. 3 or Fig. 4 is
completed, the radio communication apparatus 10 is set in an
20 incoming call receiving condition.

Therefore, when a signal of an incoming call and a signal
of a caller's voice are received by the antenna 11 on
condition that the radio communication apparatus 10 is, for
example, set in the electric train mode, the signals are
25 processed in the radio wave processing unit 12 to obtain the

incoming call and the caller's voice. Thereafter, the ringing of the incoming call is not performed, the user is informed of the incoming call by the vibration of the incoming call vibrator 31. Thereafter, the user receives the caller's voice reproduced at a top level by the speaker 33, and the user talks with the caller. In this case, a user's voice is received by the microphone 34 as a user's voice signal, and the user's voice signal is amplified at a top level by the microphone amplifier 28. Thereafter, because the operation condition of the second change-over switches 30 is set to a turn-off condition, the noise canceler 29 is used to reduce a noise mixing with the user's voice in the noise canceler 29. Also, because the third change-over switch 36 is set to a turn-off condition, even though the user is absent, the caller's voice is not recorded in the message recording unit 35.

Next, the change of one operation condition of one communication function is described with reference to Fig. 5.

Fig. 5 is a flow chart showing the change of one operation condition.

As shown in Fig. 5, when the user pushes one communication function selection button corresponding to a particular communication function in the communication function selecting unit 37 in a step S201, a current mode set in the radio communication apparatus 10 is checked by the mode change

control unit 13 in a step S202. In cases where the normal operation mode is set, a message "Do you change a communication function of the normal operation mode ? YES = 1, No = 3, change in user mode = 2" is displayed on the
5 displaying unit 22 in a step S203. Also, in cases where the electric train mode (or the car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode, the library mode or the user mode) is set in the radio communication apparatus 10, a message "Do you change a communication function of the electric train mode (or
10 the car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode, the library mode or the user mode) ? YES = 1, No = 3, change in user mode = 2" is displayed. Therefore, the user can know the mode currently set in the radio communication apparatus 10. Thereafter, it is judged in a step S204 by the mode change
15 control unit 13 which numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 the user pushes. In cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "3" in reply to the message, this operation condition changing procedure is finished. In contrast, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply
20 to the message, a message urging the inputting of new data of the particular operation condition is displayed on the displaying unit 22 in a step S205. For example, a first message "please input an incoming call sound volume and a ringing pattern, mute = 0, low and ringing pattern 1 = 1,
25 ordinary and ringing pattern 1 = 2, top and ringing pattern 1

= 3, low and ringing pattern 2 = 4, ordinary and ringing pattern 2 = 5, top and ringing pattern 2 = 6" is displayed in cases where the particular communication function is an incoming call sound volume and a ringing pattern, a second message "please input an incoming call vibration ON = 1, OFF = 2" is displayed in cases where the particular communication function is an incoming call vibration, a third message "please input a voice volume, low = 1, ordinary = 2, top = 3" is displayed in cases where the particular communication function is a received voice sound volume, a fourth message "please input a microphone sensibility, low = 1, ordinary = 2, high = 3" is displayed in cases where the particular communication function is a microphone sensibility, a fifth message "please input a noise canceling, ON = 1, OFF = 2" is displayed in cases where the particular communication function is a noise canceling, a sixth message "please input a key confirming sound volume, mute = 0, low = 1, ordinary = 2, top = 3" is displayed in cases where the particular communication function is a key confirming sound volume, and a seventh message "please input a message recording, ON = 1, OFF = 2" is displayed in cases where the particular communication function is a message recording.

Thereafter, it is judged in a step S206 by the mode change control unit 13 which numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 the user pushes. In cases where the user pushes a

particular numeral button in reply to the message, operation condition data stored in one memory 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 corresponding to the particular communication function is replaced with new operation condition data indicated by the pushing of the particular numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 in a step S207, and the communication function of the speaker actuating circuit 27, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the microphone amplifier 28, the first change-over switch 24, the second change-over switches 30 or the third change-over switch 36 corresponding to the particular communication function is changed to an operation condition indicated by the new operation condition data in a step S208. For example, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the first message, data stored in the incoming call sound volume memory 15 is replaced with new operation condition data indicating a low sound volume and a ringing pattern 1 for an incoming call, and the communication function of the buzzer actuating circuit 26 is set to ring an incoming call at a low sound volume. Also, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the second message, data stored in the incoming call vibrator on/off memory 16 is replaced with new operation condition data indicating the incoming call vibration, and the first change-over switch 24 is turned on. Also, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the

third message, data stored in the received voice sound volume memory 17 is replaced with new operation condition data indicating a low sound volume, and the communication function of the speaker actuating circuit 27 is set to reproduce the received voice at a low sound volume. Also, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the fourth message, data stored in the microphone sensibility memory 18 is replaced with new operation condition data indicating a low microphone sensibility, and the communication function of the microphone amplifier 28 is set to a low microphone sensibility. Also, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the fifth message, data stored in the noise canceler on/off memory 19 is replaced with new operation condition data indicating a noise canceling, and the communication function of the second change-over switches 30 is set not to operate the noise canceler 29. Also, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the sixth message, data stored in the key confirming sound volume memory 20 is replaced with new operation condition data indicating a low sound volume, and the communication function of the speaker actuating circuit 27 is set to reproduce a key confirming sound at a low sound volume. Also, in cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the seventh message, data stored in the message recording on/off memory 21 is replaced with new operation condition data

indicating the message recording, and the third change-over switch 36 is turned on.

Accordingly, even though the radio communication apparatus 10 is set to any mode, a particular communication function is immediately designated by the user, and an operation condition of the particular communication function can be immediately changed at a easy handling. Also, because the data of one corresponding memory selected from the memories 15 to 21 is renewed, the particular communication function of the radio communication apparatus 10 can be operated at user's desired operation condition even though the mode in the radio communication apparatus 10 is changed to the normal operation mode.

Next, the change of one operation condition of one communication function of the user mode is described with reference to Fig. 5.

In cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "2" in reply to the message in the step S204, a message urging the inputting of new operation condition data of the particular communication function is displayed on the displaying unit 22 in a step S209 in the same manner as in the step S205. Thereafter, it is judged in a step S210 by the mode change control unit 13 which numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 the user pushes. In cases where the user pushes a particular numeral button in reply to the message, data of the

user mode corresponding to the particular communication function in the operation condition storing unit 14 is replaced with new operation condition data indicated by the pushing of the particular numeral button in a step S211.

5 Thereafter, it is judged in a step S212 by the mode change control unit 13 at what mode the radio communication apparatus 10 is set. In cases where the user mode is set, the communication function of the speaker actuating circuit 27, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the microphone amplifier 28,
10 the first change-over switch 24, the second change-over switches 30 or the third change-over switch 36 corresponding to the particular communication function is changed to an operation condition indicated by the new operation condition data in a step S213.

15 Accordingly, even though the radio communication apparatus 10 is set to any mode, a particular communication function in the user mode is designated by the user, and an operation condition of the particular communication function can be immediately changed at a easy handling.

20 Next a second embodiment is described with reference to Figs. 6 and 7.

Fig. 6 is a block diagram of a radio communication apparatus according to a second embodiment of the present invention.

25 As shown in Fig. 6, a radio communication apparatus 40

comprises the antenna 11, the radio wave processing unit 12,
the operation condition storing unit 14, the incoming call
sound volume memory 15, the incoming call vibrator on/off
memory 16, the received voice volume memory 17, the microphone
5 sensibility memory 18, the noise canceler on/off memory 19,
the key confirming sound volume memory 20, the message
recording on/off memory 21, the mode selection button 23, the
incoming call vibrator 31, the vibrator actuating circuit 25,
the first change-over switch 24, the incoming call buzzer 32,
10 the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the speaker 33, the speaker
actuating circuit 27, the microphone 34, the microphone
amplifier 28, the noise canceler 29, the second change-over
switches 30, the message recording unit 35, the third change-
over switch 36,

15 a communication function selecting unit 41, composed of
seven communication function selection buttons corresponding
to the plurality of communication functions of one mode
currently set, for respectively receiving a communication
function selecting request indicating the selection of a
20 particular communication function from the user to change an
operation condition of the particular communication function
of the current mode,
the ten numeral receiving unit 38,

a mode change control unit 42 for controlling a mode change
25 according to the mode selecting request of the user received

by the mode selection button 23 by reading out the plurality of operation conditions of communication functions of the normal operation mode stored in the memories 15 to 21 in cases where the mode selecting request indicates the normal operation mode, reading out a plurality of operation conditions of communication functions of the particular operation mode from the operation condition storing unit 14 in cases where the particular operation mode indicated by the mode selecting request is not the normal operation mode, controlling the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the first change-over switch 24, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the microphone amplifier 28, the second change-over switches 30 and the third change-over switch 36 according to the plurality of operation conditions of the particular operation mode (or the normal operation mode) and changing the operation condition in the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the first change-over switch 24, the speaker actuating circuit 27, the microphone amplifier 28, the second change-over switches 30 or the third change-over switch 36 according to the communication function selecting request received by one communication function selection button of the communication function selecting unit 41 and a numeral input to one numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38, and the displaying unit 22.

25 In the above configuration, the change of one operation

condition of one communication function in the radio communication apparatus 40 differs from that in the radio communication apparatus 10.

Fig. 7 is a flow chart showing the change of one operation condition according to a second embodiment.

As shown in Fig. 7, when the user pushes one communication function selection button corresponding to a particular communication function in the communication function selecting unit 41 in a step S301, a current mode set in the radio communication apparatus 40 is checked by the mode change control unit 42 in a step S302, and a message according to the current mode is displayed on the displaying unit 22 in a step S303. For example, in cases where the normal operation mode is set, a message "Do you change an operation condition of a communication function of the normal operation mode ? YES = 1, No = 2" is displayed on the displaying unit 22. Also, in cases where the electric train mode (or the car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode, the library mode or the user mode) is set in the radio communication apparatus 40, a message "Do you change an operation condition of a communication function of the electric train mode (or the car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode, the library mode or the user mode) ? YES = 1, No = 2" is displayed. Therefore, the user can know the mode currently set in the radio communication apparatus 40. Thereafter, it is judged in a step S304 by the mode change

control unit 13 which numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 the user pushes. In cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "2" in reply to the message, this operation condition changing procedure is finished. In contrast, in
5 cases where the user pushes the numeral button of "1" in reply to the message, a message urging the inputting of new operation condition data of the particular communication function is displayed on the displaying unit 22 in a step S305 in the same manner as in the step S205 of Fig. 5.

10 Thereafter, it is judged in a step S306 by the mode change control unit 13 which numeral button of the numeral receiving unit 38 the user pushes. In cases where the user pushes a particular numeral button in reply to the message, it is judged in a step S307 by the mode change control unit 13 at
15 what mode the radio communication apparatus 10 is set. In cases where the normal operation mode is set as a current mode, operation condition data stored in one memory 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21 corresponding to the particular communication function is replaced with new operation
20 condition data indicated by the pushing of the particular numeral button in a step S308 in the same manner as in the step S207 of Fig. 5, and the communication function of the speaker actuating circuit 27, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the microphone amplifier 28, the first change-over switch 24,
25 the second change-over switches 30 or the third change-over

switch 36 corresponding to the particular communication function is changed to an operation condition indicated by the new operation condition data in a step S309 in the same manner as in the step S208 of Fig. 5.

5 In contrast, in cases where a particular operation mode representing the electric train mode, car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode, the library mode or the user mode is set as a current mode in the step S307, operation condition data of the particular operation mode stored in the operation
10 condition storing unit 14 is replaced with new operation condition data indicated by the pushing of the particular numeral button in a step S310, and the communication function of the speaker actuating circuit 27, the buzzer actuating circuit 26, the microphone amplifier 28, the first change-over
15 switch 24, the second change-over switches 30 or the third change-over switch 36 corresponding to the particular communication function is changed to an operation condition indicated by the new operation condition data in a step S311 in the same manner as in the step S208 of Fig. 5.

20 Accordingly, even though the radio communication apparatus 10 is set to any current mode, the setting of one operation condition of a particular communication function in the current mode can be immediately changed at a easy handling, and the particular communication function of the radio
25 communication apparatus 40 can be immediately changed to

user's desired condition at a easy handling.

In the second embodiment, operation condition data of the electric train mode, car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode or the library mode stored in the operation
5 condition storing unit 14 is renewed. However, it is applicable that operation condition data of the electric train mode, car mode, the home mode, the amusement center mode or the library mode stored in the operation condition storing unit 14 be not renewed even though the operation condition
10 changing procedure is performed.

Also, in the first and second embodiments, the short-time button pushing in the step S100 is shorter than 1 second, and the long-time button pushing in the step S101 is longer than 1 second. However, it is applicable that the short-time button
15 pushing in the step S100 be shorter than 0.5 second, and the long-time button pushing in the step S101 is longer than 1.5 second.

Also, in the first and second embodiments, the seven communication function selection buttons of the communication
20 function selecting unit 37 (or 41) are used to specify a particular communication function. However, it is applicable that a single communication function selection button be used in place of the seven communication function selection buttons. In this case, the communication functions are
25 cyclically displayed on the displaying unit 22 while changing

the display of one communication function to another each time
the single communication function selection button is pushed
for a short time, and a particular communication function is
specified under the control of the mode change control unit 13
5 (or 42) in cases where the single communication function
selection button is pushed for a long time when the particular
communication function is displayed.

Also, modes corresponding to user's environments are not
limited to the modes stored in the mode change control unit 13
10 in the present invention.

Also, the user mode is not limited to a mode corresponding
to user's environment. For example, it is applicable that the
user mode correspond to user's circumstance such as user's
physical condition.

15 Having illustrated and described the principles of the
present invention in a preferred embodiment thereof, it should
be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that the
invention can be modified in arrangement and detail without
departing from such principles. We claim all modifications
20 coming within the scope of the accompanying claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A radio communication apparatus, comprising:

operation condition storing means for storing a plurality
of operation conditions of communication functions

5 corresponding to each of a plurality of operation modes which
each are suitable for an environment;

mode selecting means for selecting a particular operation
mode suitable for a particular environment from the operation
modes according to a user's intention;

10 radio communication signal receiving means for receiving a
radio communication signal from a caller;

radio communication performing means, having the
communication functions, for performing a radio communication
between the user and the caller according to the radio
15 communication signal received by the radio communication
signal receiving means; and

mode change control means for reading out a plurality of
particular operation conditions of the communication functions
corresponding to the particular operation mode selected by the
20 mode selecting means from the operation condition storing
means and setting the communication functions of the radio
communication performing means to the particular operation
conditions to perform the radio communication at the
particular operation conditions.

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2. A radio communication apparatus according to claim 1 in which the radio communication performing means is composed of an incoming call informing unit for vibrating a vibrator to inform the user of an incoming call reproduced from the radio communication signal in cases where the communication function of the incoming call informing unit is set to one particular operation condition, and a received voice outputting unit for outputting a caller's voice reproduced from the radio communication signal at a top sound volume in cases where the communication function of the received voice outputting unit is set to one particular operation condition.

3. A radio communication apparatus according to claim 1 or 2 in which the radio communication performing means is composed of an incoming call informing unit for outputting a sound at a low volume to inform the user of an incoming call reproduced from the radio communication signal in cases where the communication function of the incoming call informing unit is set to one particular operation condition, and a received voice outputting unit for outputting a caller's voice reproduced from the radio communication signal at a top sound volume in cases where the communication function of the received voice outputting unit is set to one particular operation condition.

4. A radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, 2 or 3 in which the radio communication performing means is composed of an incoming call informing unit for outputting a sound at a low volume to inform the user of an incoming call reproduced from the radio communication signal in cases where the communication function of the incoming call informing unit is set to one particular operation condition, and a received voice outputting unit for outputting a caller's voice reproduced from the radio communication signal at an ordinary volume in cases where the communication function of the received voice outputting unit is set to one particular operation condition.

5. A radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 4 in which the radio communication performing means is composed of an incoming call informing unit for outputting a sound at a top sound volume to inform the user of an incoming call reproduced from the radio communication signal in cases where the communication function of the incoming call informing unit is set to one particular operation condition, and a received voice outputting a caller's voice reproduced from the radio communication signal at a top sound volume in cases where the communication function of the received voice outputting unit is set to one particular operation condition.

6. A radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 in which the radio communication performing means is composed of an incoming call informing unit for vibrating a vibrator to inform the user of an incoming call reproduced from the radio communication signal in cases where the communication function of the incoming call informing unit is set to one particular operation condition, and a received voice outputting unit for outputting a caller's voice reproduced from the radio communication signal at an ordinary volume in cases where the communication function of the received voice outputting unit is set to one particular operation condition.

7. A radio communication apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the radio communication performing means is composed of two units selected from the group consisting of an incoming call informing unit for informing the user of an incoming call reproduced from the radio communication signal at a sound volume as one communication function, a received voice outputting unit for outputting a caller's voice reproduced from the radio communication signal at a sound volume as one communication function, a user's voice receiving unit for receiving a user's voice as one communication function to transmit the user's voice to the caller through the radio communication signal receiving means at a sound volume, a noise canceling unit for reducing a noise mixing with the

user's voice as one communication function, a key confirming sound producing unit for producing a key confirming sound as one communication function to make the user confirm the selection of the particular operation mode performed by the mode selecting means, and a message recording unit for recording a message of the caller as one communication function.

8. A radio communication apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising:

operation condition inputting means for inputting an operation condition of each communication function according to the user's intention to store a plurality of particular operation conditions of the communication functions, corresponding to a user mode other than the operation modes, in the operation condition storing means in cases where the user mode is selected by the mode selecting means, the particular operation conditions of the communication functions being read out from the operation condition storing means to set the communication functions of the radio communication performing means to the particular operation conditions under the control of the mode change control means.

9. A radio communication apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising:

operation condition inputting means for inputting an
operation condition of each communication function according
to the user's intention to store a plurality of particular
operation conditions of the communication functions
5 corresponding to a normal operation mode other than the
operation modes in cases where the normal operation mode is
selected by the mode selecting means; and

normal operation mode storing means for storing the
particular operation conditions of the communication functions
10 corresponding to the normal operation mode input by the
operation condition inputting means, the particular operation
conditions of the communication functions being read out from
the normal operation mode storing means to set the
communication functions of the radio communication performing
15 means to the particular operation conditions under the control
of the mode change control means.

10. A radio communication apparatus according to any one of
the preceding claims, further comprising:

20 communication function selecting means for selecting a
specific communication function from the operation modes in
cases where a specific operation mode is selected by the mode
selecting means; and

operation condition inputting means for inputting a
25 specific operation condition of the specific communication

function selected by the communication function selecting means according to the user's intention to renew the particular operation condition of the specific communication function corresponding to the specific operation mode stored
5 in the operation condition storing means to the specific operation condition under the control of the mode change control means, the specific communication function of the radio communication performing means being reset to the specific operation condition under the control of the mode
10 change control means.

11. A radio communication apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising:

communication function selecting means for selecting a
15 specific communication function from the operation modes in cases where a specific operation mode is selected by the mode selecting means; and

operation condition inputting means for inputting a specific operation condition of the specific communication
20 function selected by the communication function selecting means according to the user's intention to reset the specific communication function of the radio communication performing means to the specific operation condition under the control of the mode change control means, the specific communication
25 function of the radio communication performing means being set

to the particular operation condition stored in the operation condition storing means under the control of the mode change control means in cases where the specific operation mode is again selected by the mode selecting means.

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12. A radio communication apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising:

displaying means for displaying the particular operation mode in cases where the particular operation mode is selected
10 by the mode selecting means.

13. A radio communication apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims in which the mode selecting means is a single mode selecting button, the plurality of modes being
15 cyclically specified in a prescribed order each time the mode selecting button is pushed for a short time, and the particular operation mode being selected in cases where the particular operation mode is specified and the mode selecting button is pushed for a long time.

14. A radio communication apparatus constructed and arranged to operate substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.



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